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T AND D LOSSES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to stop the pilferage of power at the Transmission and Distribution (T&D) stages;

(b) the name of States where steps have been taken to reduce T&D losses; and

(c) the details of assistance extended by the Union Government to States during last three years for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) : The Electricity Act, 2003 provides a legal framework for making theft of electricity a cognizable offence. Under Section 135 of the Electricity Act, 2003, whoever dishonestly taps lines or cables or service wires, tampers, damages or destroys meters etc., shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term, which may extend to three years or with fine or with both. Under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) incentive is being provided to State Governments/Power Utilities for reducing cash losses, a significant portion of which is on account of theft of power.

(b) : All the States are taking steps to reduce T&D losses which, inter-alia, includes metering upto 11 kV feeder level and 100 per cent metering of all consumers.

(c) : A statement showing the details of the funds released to the States during the last three years under investment component of APDRP is at Annexure. An amount of Rs.882. 58 crores has also been released as incentive under APDRP to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra for cash loss reduction.